#### Primary Years Encouragement – 09.06.2020

Have I not commanded you?

Be strong and courageous.

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

#### Joshua 1:9

#### Hello CYM

How are you all? Have any of you ventured out a bit more? Have any of you met up with someone in the park? Have any of you returned to school for the first time in 11 weeks?

With the easing of some of the lockdown measures recently, I decided to go and visit my Mum who lives in a warden assisted setting. We have been in contact with each other every day over the phone during lockdown (she doesn't have access to Zoom or Video Chat), but to see her in the flesh was amazing. She was so excited to see me. We were able to have a walk around the grounds where she lives and sit on a bench together with a flask of tea and watch the sun go down.

However, I did notice that my Mum was being very cautious with how close she got to me, the distance between us when we walked and sat down and how she was cleaning her door handle when she went to go back into her home.

My Mum was actually quite fearful about coming out for a walk for the first time since the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. She had felt protected and safe in her warden assisted home, where she was being looked after by the staff and the Sainsbury's delivery man!

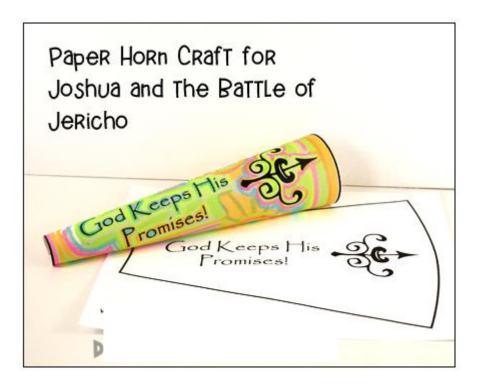
My Mum showed great courage and overcame her fear to be able to see her daughter again.

So this week our encouragement newsletter is centred around the theme of courage.

#### **Activity**

#### Craft

Make a horn with the words "God Keeps His Promises" on it.

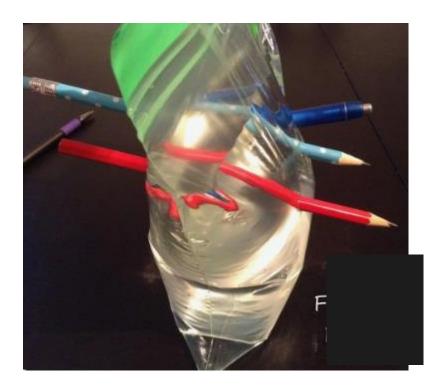


#### Crossword

Have a go at the Joshua and Caleb crossword.

#### Game

Get a plastic clear bag that you can seal very tightly at the top, fill ¾'s of the bag with water. Then with pens or pencils, the object of the game is to get the pen or pencil through the bag and water without bursting the bag!



The David Banks-Broome Challenge

Challenge No. 11

#### Story

#### Twelve Spies (Old Testament – Numbers 13)

Finally, the Israelites arrived near the promised land. God told Moses to send spies there. Moses picked 12 men. He told them, "Find out what the people are like. See if the land is good." The spies returned and said, "The land is beautiful. It is filled with plenty of food! But the people there are big and strong!" Joshua and Caleb said, "Do not worry. God has promised us this land. He will give it to us." The rest of the Israelites did not agree with Joshua and Caleb. Then God said to Moses, "The people do not have faith in me. They cannot enter the land." So for the next 40 years, God's people wandered in the desert.

#### Joshua and the Spies (Old Testament – Joshua 2)

After Moses died, Joshua became the leader of the Israelites. God led them into the promised land. He led them to a city called Jericho. The city was protected by high walls. Still, two spies found a way into the city. They went to Rahab's house. The king of Jericho ordered his soldiers to capture the men. Rahab hid the men on her roof. When the soldiers arrived, she said,

"The spies have already gone. If you hurry, you may catch them." So the soldiers ran off to find them. "Thank you for helping us," the spies said to her. "When we come back, we promise to save you and your family." Then Rahab helped the spies escape.

#### The Battle of Jericho (Old Testament – Joshua 6)

After the spies were safely home, God told Joshua, "March your army around Jericho with the priests blowing their horns. Do this once a day for six days. "On the seventh day, have your army march around the city seven times." Joshua did exactly as God had said. The priests blew their trumpets. The soldiers shouted as loudly as they could. Then the great walls of Jericho came tumbling down! The Israelite army rushed in and took over the city. The spies kept their promise to Rahab. Her whole family was saved!

#### **Encouragement**

This past week I have seen and heard of so many of you being courageous in light of the lockdown measures being lifted slightly. Some of you are exercising more, some of you are meeting up with family and friends in your garden or park, some of you have gone back to school and some of you are doing school at home. Well done you......

Leaving the safety of our homes is a courageous thing to do. It will take us all a while to adjust. For our mental well being, spending time with others and spending time outside is important. Showing compassion and kindness to one another will be a real gift to people.

God promises us that he will be with us wherever we go.

#### **Prayer**

Father God

Thank you that you are with us wherever we go.

Help us to be strong and courageous as we venture outside more.

Help us to remember to wash our hands and wear a covering over our face to play our part in protecting ourselves and others.

May we remember those who are lonely and vulnerable.

In Jesus name

Amen

**Worship Song** 

You Make Me Brave (Bethel Kids)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8F3I05ZXW0

If you need any craft supplies, food and toiletries, or just a phone chat over coffee, please call me on 07969959442.

**Every blessing** 

Denise

## David Banks Broome Challenge 11

# What Disney films or shows has the following characters in them?(5)

VICTOR	
SAMSON	
THE BLUEBERRIES	
SALIM	
RUDDY	
YZMA	
SMEE	
MISS BIANCA	
THE HEFFALUMP	
THE MARCH HARE	
COBRA BUBBLES	
LITTLE JOHN	
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PEGASUS	
O'MALLEY	

## **Answers**

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

**Sleeping Beauty** 

A Bug's Life

Aladdin

Finding Nemo

The Emperor's new groove

Peter Pan

The Rescuers

Winnie the Pooh

Alice in Wonderland

Lilo and Stitch

**Robin Hood** 

Mulan

Cinderella

Hercules

The Aristocats

## Joshua and Caleb

## Crossword

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